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## B. Montgomery to J. E. Davis, 18 May

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Meridian May 11th 1868

Dear Sir,

Owing to pressure of work and no surplus of labor I deferred going to your gulf place until yesterday (sunday). The bottom land is overflowed and the <sup>black</sup> man that had lived there following the business of fishing has gone. I saw a Mr Stamply who informed me that Mr Whitney ~~had~~ left the place some time since. So there was no person there to advise in regard to the tax.

We find that Messrs Payal Huntington & Co will not be able to furnish the necessary supplies, but are doing something in the way of helping us to make other arrangements <sup>by recommendation</sup>. Rather an unfavorable time for our arrangements of this kind and how we shall succeed I cannot now say. I notice <sup>delinquent</sup> tax payers are receiving about their last warning, ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> limit ending with this month. So we shall try and procure some warrants for the purpose as it is not likely that



payments can be longer avoided.

Much of the cotton is looking well, some parts  
are behind, a portion of the crop has suffered  
from drought and insects. The light shower  
this morning will help some.

Yours old and

Dear

May 11. 1868

Friendship